

RECOGNIZING THE 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CULINARY UNION

**HON. STEVEN HORSFORD**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body recognize the Culinary Union's 84th Anniversary.

Since 1935, the Culinary Union has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Nevada hospitality workers and their families. Its continued fight to secure good benefits and union wages for its members have made it an essential economic institution in the Silver State.

The Culinary Union can rightfully claim that it has won a "middle-class standard of living" for more than 700,000 hospitality workers during its 84 years. Its guest room attendants, cocktail and food servers, porters, bellmen, cooks, bartenders, laundry and kitchen workers hail from 178 different countries and speak 40 different languages.

I'm proud of the work this union has accomplished.

CONGRATULATING NORMA EHRIK

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Norma Ehrig of Gonzales, Texas, for receiving the David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 97th Annual Gonzales Chamber of Commerce banquet recognized Mrs. Ehrig for her exceptional community engagement. Her friends and colleagues vouched for her much deserved recognition.

Mrs. Ehrig's involvement in the community has tremendously affected the lives of the youth. At Gonzales East Avenue Primary School, she counsels students and assists disadvantaged children.

Mrs. Ehrig's commitment includes providing funds for these underprivileged kids to buy food and clothing when their families are not there to support them. And as Mrs. Ehrig is never one to seek recognition, her family was not even aware of her financial contributions to help those less fortunate. Her family embraced her selfless acts and appreciated the way in which she devoted herself to helping the community.

Mrs. Ehrig has also assisted Gonzales' Child Protective Services; she helped raise funding for essential examination equipment to investigate severe child abuse. With her help, the city established the Gonzales Regional Child Advocacy Center.

To honor her, the board members renamed the center as "Norma's House" in 2001 and recognized her as a permanent board member.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Ehrig and recognize her tremendous service in the Gonzales community.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—STILLWATER DAY SPA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stillwater Day Spa for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Entrepreneurs Lewis Ortiz and Michael Bertles see nothing but potential in the Commerce City and work hard to provide needed services to the community. Their work began with Heart and Soul Floral providing floral services to more recently providing health and wellness services in the northern range with the Stillwater Day Spa.

Stillwater Day Spa offers a full range of spa services including massage, facials, waxing, fillers, injections, and more. Since opening in October 2017, the company has steadily increased its product and service offerings and has doubled in size to accommodate the growing business. Stillwater Day Spa supports other local entrepreneurs and small businesses by selling their products at the spa, partnering with them on monthly giveaways, and leasing out space within their suite to another small business as well.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stillwater Day Spa for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARLOS JOSE CARRANCO, SR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Carlos Jose Carranco, Sr.

Mr. Carranco was born and raised in Laredo, TX. He attended Martin High School and eventually served as a combat infantryman during World War II. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged in May of 1946.

After the war, Mr. Carranco graduated from Laredo Junior College before attending Texas A&I, known today as Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where he received his bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in education administration. Mr. Carranco later made an impact educating his local community for 42 years as a secondary school teacher and at Laredo Community College. He also served as a Principal at both Thomas Sanchez Elementary School and Santa Maria Elementary School in Laredo; together comprising 26 years of his educational career.

Mr. Carranco was a well-respected individual who led a life of service. He was a steward of the Laredo community through teaching and helping others reach their full potential. His dedication to others demonstrates what it really means to be an American.

Mr. Carranco is survived by his wife of 15 years, Bessie Lee Carranco, his brother Antonio Carranco, as well as several children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

HONORING DR. MARY WILLIAMS URGENT AND PRIMARY CARE OF CLARKSDALE, MS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mary Williams.

Dr. Mary Williams was born to Albert and Emma Williams. She is the ninth child of ten children. Six sisters: Dorothy, Olivia, Sherlie, Maretta, Deleatha, and Chrystal and three brothers: Morris, Jeffrey, and Donald. Mary was raised in Marks, Mississippi. She is the owner of Urgent and Primary Care of Clarksdale, Mississippi, the first Urgent Care clinic to be opened in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Dr. Mary Williams is recognized amongst family, her community, and her colleagues as a woman of integrity, service, compassion, and outstanding spirit.

Dr. Williams attended and graduated from Quitman County High School. After earning her high school diploma (1987), Northwest Community College, where she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing, Delta State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and then attended Mississippi University for Women where she received her Master of Science Degree. With her commitment to becoming the best in her field, she attended the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2011, where she received her Doctor of Nursing Degree with a major in Forensic Nursing.

Dr. Williams is also a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner at Northwest MS Regional Medical Center, where her specialty is Renal Disease and Hypertension Management. She has spent her entire life building strong working relationships in the healthcare field and educating people on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Williams owned and operated Clarksdale's first locally owned hospice agency in 2001 thru 2007. She holds licenses to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is also a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, American Association for Nurse Practitioners and the National Kidney Foundation.

Dr. Williams has been named one of the Top 50 Mississippi Leading Business Women in the state of Mississippi. She has received numerous awards in healthcare. She credits all of her achievements to her strong foundation in God. She is a member of St. Matthew Church of God in Christ and an active member of Iota Delta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she currently serves as President.

Dr. Williams is the proud mother of two children, Ebony and Andre, and four grandchildren. Dr. Williams' leadership, passion, dedication, dependability, and service have made her synonymous with being one of the best, if not the best Family Nurse Practitioners